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SECDEF PLEASE PASS TO ACTING ASD/ISA JORDAN

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MASS, SA, YE, US

SUBJECT: ARMS FOR YEMEN

REF: (A) STATE 63155, (B) JIDDA 1883, ET AL

1. DURING A MEETING YESTERDAY (MARCH 16) WITH AMBASSADOR PORTER, SAG MINDEF PRINCE SULTAN SAID HE HOPED THAT ACTING ASD/ISA JORDAN WOULD BE ABLE TO DISCUSS ARMS FOR YEMEN IN PRECISE AND CONCRETE TERMS. (REF A DID NOT ARRIVE IN TIME FOR MEETING. WE RECOMMEEND THAT MR. JORDAN DISCUSS POINTS IN PARA 7 REF A.). SULTAN ALSO MADE IT CLEAR THAT HIS PERSONAL PRESTIGE WAS AT STAKE BECAUSE HE WILL BE HEADING THE SAUDI DELEGATION TO SANA APRIL 10.

2. COMMENT: BASED ON TONE OF HIS REMARKS, WE FEEL THAT
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SULTAN VIEWS ARMS FOR YEMEN AS THE MAIN UNRESOLVED

BUSINESS OF THE JORDAN VISIT. OUR JUDGMENT IS THAT SULTAN NEEDS POSITIVE AND SUBSTANTIVE ACTIONS ON YEMEN BY US TO PROTECT HIS IMAGE IN MODA AND THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS. FURTHER, SUCH ACTION BY US IS NOT MERELY A QUESTION OF ENHANCING THE JORDAN VISIT, IT SUCCESS DEPENDS ON IT.

3. THOUGH SULTAN DID NOT RPT NOT MAKE THE POINT, IF MR. JORDAN IS ABLE TO PROMISE A DRAMATIC IMPACT PACKAGE AND THE DELIVERY OF THE LOA'S BEFORE APRIL 10, SULTAN WILL BE MUCH MORE AMENABLE TO BUSINESS THAT WE WANT CONCLUDED SUCH AS THE MOU AND SUPPORT CASES AAA AND AAB.
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